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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1 Claim 1 (previously presented): A humidifier for a continuous positive airway pressure device, comprising: 2 a humidifier body; 3 an air inlet provided to the humidifier body; 4 5 an air outlet provided to the humidifier body; a plurality of chambers defined within the humidifier 6 7 body; a plurality of elongated baffles arranged in a row 8 9 extending in a longitudinal direction of each of the plurality of baffles, and the row being positioned between 10 one of the plurality of chambers and an adjacent one of the 11 12 plurality of chambers; an opening provided between two of the plurality of 13 14 baffles of the row, the opening connecting the adjacent two of said plurality of chambers; and 15 16 a deflector baffle located proximate to the opening and defining a serpentine fluid flow path between the 17 adjacent chambers. 18
  - Claim 2 (original): The humidifier of claim 1, wherein
    the air outlet is spaced away from the humidifier body and

- 3 defines an air outlet chamber.
- Claim 3 (original): The humidifier of claim 1, wherein
- the air inlet is provided with an inlet baffle.
- 1 Claim 4 (original): The humidifier of claim 1, wherein
- at least one of the plurality of baffles is curved.
- Claim 5 (original): The humidifier of claim 1, wherein
- at least one of the plurality of baffles is connected to a
- 3 top side of the humidifier body and is spaced apart from a
- 4 bottom side of the humidifier body.
- 1 Claim 6 (original): The humidifier of claim 1, wherein
- each of the plurality of baffles is connected to a top side
- of the humidifier body and is spaced apart from a bottom
- 4 side of the humidifier body.
- 1 Claim 7 (original): The humidifier of claim 1, wherein
- the humidifier body comprises a base portion and a cover
- 3 portion.
- Claim 8 (original): The humidifier of claim 7, wherein
- the base portion and the cover portion are permanently
- 3 bonded together.

- Claim 9 (original): The humidifier of claim 7, wherein
- the cover portion is removable from the base portion.
- Claim 10 (original): The humidifier of claim 7,
- wherein the base portion and the cover portion are provided
- 3 with a tongue and a corresponding groove.

Claims 11-20 (cancelled)